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In re the Application of

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Art Unit: 2683

Application No.:

10/088,055

Exr. C. Tran

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For:

PERSONAL INFORMATION CONTROL SYSTEM

RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.111

Assistant Commissioner of Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the office action of August 17, 2004, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested for the following reasons.

The sole pending rejection is based on US 2003/0132299 filed in the U.S. on November 7, 2002, thus having a 35 USC 102(e) date of November 7, 2002. This rejection is overcome by the filing of the attached English translation of the JP priority application filed July 24, 2000.

It is noted that US 2003/0132299 is based on PCT/KR01/00438 filed March 20, 2001 and published on November 15, 2001. It is not relevant whether PCT/KR01/00438 was published in Korean or English because the present priority date is earlier than the PCT publication date of November 15, 2001. Further, the Korean

application on which PCT/KR01/00438 was based was published in 2001 and thus is antedated by the present priority date.

In light of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 17, 2004

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